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Advisory Action

Application No.

09/508,487

Applicant(s)

BERGSTROM, SVEN

Examiner

Rodney P. Swartz, Ph.D.

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--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 30September2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____.

3. ☒ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): none.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: see Detailed Action.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☐ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☐ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: _____.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. ☒ Other: Interview Summary, paper#21

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicants' Response to Final Office Action, received 30September2003, paper#22, is acknowledged.

Applicants' Request for Withdrawal of Final Office Action is acknowledged. Applicants argue that the Office Action, mailed 25September2003, paper#20, is *prima facie* incomplete because the Examiner did not address U.S. Pat. No. 6,610,838, submitted with IDS, paper#19.

The Examiner has considered applicants' argument, but does not find it persuasive for two reasons. Firstly, U.S. Pat. No. 6,610,838 was considered, as evidenced by the Examiner's signature on the IDS, but was not considered relevant for rejections because the subject matter of the claims of the patent is drawn to nucleotides while the claims of the instant application is drawn to polypeptides. Secondly, the RCE transmittal did not put forth any arguments toward the outstanding rejections. The transmittal merely requested consideration of the arguments filed on 16December2002. These arguments filed on 16 December2002, paper#16 had already been addressed in the Office Action, mailed 11March2003, paper#17. Therefore, no new arguments were put forth in the RCE transmittal. Thus, the Finality of Office Action, mailed 25September2003, paper#20, is maintained.

2. It is noted by the Examiner that Applicants' Response also contains a response to another unrelated application. In order to expedite this nonrelated application, the Examiner has properly matched the response with the appropriate application.

Conclusion

3. The Finality of the last Office Action, paper#20, mailed 25September2003, is upheld.


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4. Pending claims 73-106 and 108-111 remain Finally rejected.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rodney P. Swartz, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 308-4244. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 5:30 AM to 4:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynette F. Smith, can be reached on (703)308-3909. The facsimile telephone number for the Art Unit Group is (703) 872-9306

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-2035.


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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